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SMILE, CHRISTIAN, SMILE!

A photograph of Dr. R.A. Forrest, which was taken without his knowledge, was posted around the city where he was to hold his meetings shortly. He did not know about that, and so upon his arrival he was surprised to see his face with a big, wide-open mouth posted in front of the station. He was almost angry because he disliked pictures of himself posted around and to think that they had taken the most ridiculous snapshot of him.

Later as Dr. Forrest started down the street, an intoxicated man stumbled up to him and said, "Just a minute, Buddy. I know you." The Doctor was puzzled for he had just arrived in that city for the first time. The man drew out a card--the same picture of Dr. Forrest was upon it. The man continued, "Mr., I don't know much about you, but I like the way you smile. You know, Mr., if you could tell me how to smile like that, I would be the happiest man alive." Dr. Forrest, now happy, replied, "All right, I will tell you how you can smile like that if you will come to the meeting tonight at the Municipal Auditorium."

The intoxicated man consented and sure enough he was seated in the front row that night as Dr. Forrest stepped up to the pulpit to preach his sermon. In closing, he gave an altar call. The man in the front row came forward, and accepted Christ that evening.

Fifteen years later, Dr. Forrest visited that city again. He was welcomed by this same man who took him to his home. After telling the Doctor to make himself comfortable, he went into the kitchen to call his wife. As Dr. Forrest gazed around the room, his eyes fell upon a picture. He walked up to it and behold, it was that same picture with the open mouth and wide smile. He gazed at it for some minutes.

Suddenly he felt an arm go around him and he looked into the face of that man whom he had led to Christ. Tears were flowing down his cheeks as he said, "Dr. Forrest, I can smile like that now. I have been able to for the last fifteen years. God has blessed me. See my wife, children, and our home. Oh, God has truly been good to me! I have a smile that will never disappear now. Praise God!"

Dear Christian friends, are you smiling for Christ in your Christian lives? Could others be made happy by the smiles you give to them? We sing, "Smile, smile Christians, we must smile", are we singing it with smiles--smiles that really mean the joy of living for Him?

Through our smiles others will know we are Christians; through our smiles, souls can be won to Christ. So let us keep on smiling for Him wherever we are, shall we?

-- Fudge Hirashima --

DEDICATION

Even as we pause in meditation and in thanksgiving to Florence and Paul for the fine work they have done in building for God's Kingdom here in Poston III, we raise our hearts in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, who gave them to us. We have had a wonderful fellowship for over a year; and through it all, our Father has been magnified through Paul's leadership as our pastor, and Florence's contributions as our pianist and as a Sunday School teacher. We are proud of them.

Although we are sorry to have these two leave us, we are simultaneously constrained to be glad that they are going to do God's work where they are urgently needed.

The divine providence of God will supply us with the realization of the glorious responsibilities of stewardship, so that we here left behind, can continue with the harvest so earnestly begun.

In saying "Good-by, for a while", with warm hearts, to two of the finest spiritual Christians it has been our privilege to know, we bid Florence and Paul "Godspeed" to a rich and inspiring ministry, and to a life of happiness in each other and in the Lord Jesus Christ. May they be a blessing to the people on the outside, and may they magnify the Lord in all that they do.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

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TESTIMONY

My body is a temple
To God it does belong.
He bids me keep it for his use;
He wants it pure and strong.

God is love! Yes, I'm thankful that God is love, because of the love He so kindly has given me. He picked me up from the depths of sin to give me eternal life. It will be wonderful when we shall meet on the beautiful shore and see Him face to face.

Brought up in a Christian home, I have been going to Sunday school ever since I can remember; but it was not until I came to Poston that I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. To this day I can still feel the joy it gave me.

I have my ups and downs of life and my prayer is that I can keep on the upward trail. The Bible promises in Philippians 4:13 has strengthendd my faith. How wonderful to know that if we but believe and trust on Him, He is always at hand to help us.

My prayer, my aim, is higher ground. "Seek ye the Lord while He maybe found, call ye upon Him, while He is near. Isa. 55:6.

Yours in Christ,
Ruby Sakamoto

The lucky winner of the Church Bulletin naming contest is Miss MARGARET ISHINO

THANK YOU!!

With gratitude we express appreciation to two of our beloved teachers, Miss Aiko Konatsu and Mr. Carl Yoshimine. We acknowledge our indebtedness to them for their devoted labors of love that have prepared many young souls for Heaven, and extend to them our best wishes as they prepare for His ministry.

A FEW WORDS--

We love you all and, humanly speaking, we do hate so much to leave you all; nevertheless, the Macedonian Call calls us to serve our blessed Lord in Minneapolis & St. Paul.

We will ever pray for our Poston Church and know that the blessing wrought through our fellowship together will last through eternity.

Ever in Christ,
Rev. & Mrs. Nagano

next sunday

The speaker for the Morning Worship Service next Sunday will be Miss Bertha Starkey, former missionary in Japan and Korea.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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C. E. NOTES

Y.P. & ADULTS--Tommie Shiozawa was the chairman of the program which was dedicated to all members who have left the center last week. George Takaoka, advisor, gave an interesting talk on Dr. George Truett, a great Christian leader.

SENIORS--Hymn night was held with Sumiko Imamura as chairman. Ruby Sakamoto and Florence Wake gave talks on the hymns "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", respectively. A vocal solo was rendered by Lillian Wake, "The Old Rugged Cross"; and a duet "Whispering Hope" was sung by Sumi Kitahata and Michiko Ishimoto.

JUNIORS--With approximately 30 members present, the group was greatly inspired by the speaker, Miss Starkey, who has spent many years in Japan. Her topic was on the Jr. C.E.'s and schools of Japan. Mary Osato was the chairman of the evening which highlighted a special vocal solo by Robert Ieiri. Tayeko Kitahata is the new advisor, replacing Ruth Iwami.

WEDDING BELLS

One of the loveliest wedding ceremonies took place last Monday evening when our beloved pastor, Rev. Paul Nagano and Miss Florence Wake were united in holy matrimony with Rev. Morikawa officiating.

Lillian Wake attended her sister, and Tarus Nagano was best man.

May God bless them in their new life together!

appreciation

Words cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for the gift which I received last Sunday evening. The past year that I have spent working together with you all and fellowshipping together has truly been a blessing to me.

As I go to prepare myself to be of greater service to the Lord, I pray God's richest blessings to rest upon all my Christian brothers and sisters in Poston III. I shall be coveting your prayers and in turn shall pray for you.

Your sister in Christ,
Aiko Konatsu